

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

KATHLEEN "KATE" McAULIFFE

WHEREAS, for more than 20 years, Kate McAuliffe has provided the Michigan Department of Education and the State Board of Education with concrete direction on legislation, laws, and administrative rules; and

WHEREAS, Kate McAuliffe has actively participated in the governmental affairs process to achieve the introduction and passage of the Michigan Department of Education's legislative agenda; and

WHEREAS, in the past, Kate McAuliffe has represented the Department of Education on several significant legislative initiatives that were enacted into law, including the passage of laws governing the prohibition of corporal punishment in public schools, students with disabilities, charter schools, teacher certification, early childhood, and the recodification of the Revised School Code; and

WHEREAS, as the Department's Regulatory Affairs Officer, Kate McAuliffe was directly responsible for more than 100 sets of administrative rules, coordinating all aspects of the rule-making process as required by law; and

WHEREAS, since 1998, Kate McAuliffe has provided oversight as Assistant Superintendent for Government Services and Customer Satisfaction – a service unit which includes nonpublic and home school education, internal auditors, and student ombudsman services; and

WHEREAS, prior to her work with the Michigan Department of Education, Kate McAuliffe worked for the United Way of Michigan, the Detroit News, and the Detroit Public Schools, and has served on the Boards of the Michigan PTA, United Community Services/United Way, the Educational Child Care Center of Lansing, a village council, and select educational advisory boards; and

WHEREAS, Kate McAuliffe has worked tirelessly to change the educational laws and policies of Michigan to benefit all of Michigan's children; and

WHEREAS, Kate McAuliffe has informed the State Board of Education of her retirement from the Michigan Department of Education as of March 31, 2003; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education receives with deep regret the news of the well-deserved retirement of this able and distinguished public servant; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extends to Kate McAuliffe its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise she has brought to the children and families of Michigan; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education expresses its fervent wish that Kate McAuliffe enjoys many years of happiness, good health, and rewarding experiences during her years of retirement with her husband Dick, and their two daughters, Maura and Hannah.



Adopted February 27, 2003

Kathleen N. Straus, President

Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman